

# Fact Sheet

**Overview:** The facility is located in a light industrial area northeast of the intersection of Interstate 90 and Interstate 405 in the City of Bellevue. The facility accepts garbage and household hazardous waste. In 2014, work began to replace the 1960s-era Factoria Transfer Station with a larger, modern transfer station that will accommodate projected growth in the region for the next 50 years. The station primarily serves residents and businesses from the Bellevue, Issaquah, Mercer Island, and Sammamish areas.

In May 2016, a new 70,000-square-foot building replaced the original 16,000-square-foot transfer building. The addition of garbage compactors at the station has resulted in fewer trucks needed to transport the garbage to the landfill. Another new feature of the station is that customers now unload their garbage directly onto a flat floor rather than into trailers. The new flat floor design allows for more adjustable and efficient traffic flow, and flexibility in where waste is collected and processed.

In late 2017, when construction is completed, the station will offer a dedicated building for collection of household hazardous waste and a wide array of recycling services including:

- Major appliances (refrigerant and non-refrigerant type)
- · Clean wood (unpainted, untreated, unstained)
- Comingled recyclable materials (aluminum and tin cans, cardboard, glass bottles and jars, paper, and plastic containers such as bottles, cups, jugs, tubs and plant pots)
- Scrap metal
- Textiles
- · Yard waste

Location: 13800 SE 32nd St, Bellevue, WA 98005

#### **Hours of operation**

Transfer Station Hours HHW Service Hours
Mon-Fri: 6:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Tues-Fri: 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Sat & Sun: 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 pm Sat & Sun: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Mon: closed

Closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day

**What happens to the waste?** The waste is transported by county employees in covered trailers from Factoria to the Cedar Hills Regional Landfill, 18 miles away. Read about what happens to household hazardous waste below.



New transfer building has large self-haul customer unloading areas.



A household hazardous waste (HHW) transfer station operator sorts HHW



Commercial customer unloading area.



## 2016 at a glance

- Who are the customers? 73 percent of visits were made by self-haul customers, who contributed 20 percent of the total solid waste received at the station. Commercial customers contributed 80 percent of the total solid waste with 15 percent of the visits.
- Tons of solid waste disposed: 131,976. This constitutes 15 percent of solid waste at all King County transfer stations.
- Total customer visits: 105,464
- HHW services provided: The station offers Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection services. Materials accepted include batteries (household, vehicle, or marine), thermostats, thermometers, mercury-containing light bulbs and tubes, oil-based paints, thinners and solvents, motor oil, propane and butane tanks, household cleaners, lawn and garden products, glues and adhesives, automotive products, antifreeze, flammable liquids, and marine and road flares. Wastes collected through these services are recycled, reused, or incinerated when necessary. None of the collected household hazardous waste materials is disposed at the Cedar Hills Regional Landfill. Note: This service is available for households and pre-approved small quantity generators only.

#### Notable features of the new station will include:

- An enclosed solid waste transfer building which minimizes noise, dust, and odors
- Pre-load garbage compactors that improve efficiency and decrease the number of transfer trailer trips required to and from the station
- More space for vehicle queuing inside the station
- Sustainable building design features that improve energy efficiency and will result in lower life cycle costs than a conventional building design

### Future improvements (coming in late 2017) will include:

- A new recycling collection area for cardboard, commingled recyclable materials (including paper, glass bottles and jars, aluminum and tin/steel cans, plastic bottles, cups, jugs, tubs, clamshells), as well as yard waste, clean wood, appliances and scrap metal
- A new building dedicated to collection of household hazardous waste.



Fluorescent lights and other mercury-containing bulbs and tubes are collected for recycling.



Transfer trailers haul garbage from Factoria to landfill.



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